

I believe it is downright unamerican to block a new technology (in this case XM radio) whether it is national or locally based from providing information on the local level. Just as The Weather channel broadcasts "your local forecast," XM radio provides local traffic and weather information. If local radio and television stations cannot compete with this service, it shows that they no longer serve the public good. Simply put, if Americans would rather get their information from a different provider, it would be wrong for the government to interfere with this. The simple fact that The National Association of Broadcasters would challenge this notion shows that they speak only for themselves, and not for the public at large. This seems to be a matter of coercing government with the vast resources (money) that The National Association of Broadcasters possesses, and it is certainly not in the public's best interest. The only ones to benefit are broadcasters who have lost their monopoly on this information.